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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: February 25, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Leggett
cc Mr. Evans
cc Mr. Kelly

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 24, 1957

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The Senate's probe of the Teamsters Union will disclose that many records are missing. The most wanted records - payments to party girls for prounion politicians."

COMMENT:

The facts that Teamsters Union records covering the Pacific northwest area have previously been subpoenaed by the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor and Management Field and that the Teamsters Union has claimed that such records are missing, have appeared previously in the public press. On 2/23/57 Senate investigators publicly announced that testimony from prostitutes and others would be used to show whether some west coast officials of the Teamsters Union had ties with the underworld.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The President is being supported three-to-one on the Middle East according to the mail to Congress. The support is more than four-to-one according to the White House mail. Congressional leaders expect Mr. Dulles will retire at the first letup in the Middle East tension."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The most sweeping ambassadorial shake-up in State Department history is about to break. Insiders believe the shake-up will affect most American Embassies."

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cc Mr. Baumgardner

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WINCHELL SAID:

"At a reception at Moscow recently for Khrushchev, he dropped the following tip to American communists: 'God grant,' he said, 'that every communist should be able to fight like Stalin.' That is why American Red leaders voted to return to the Stalin Party line at their recent convention in New York City."

COMMENT:

Despite the fact that the communist and legitimate press reported that at its recent national convention the Communist Party, USA, ostensibly proclaimed its independence from Moscow, the above reported comment of Khrushchev as well as recent editorial comments in Pravda approving the results of the Communist Party, USA, national convention, clearly indicate that the Communist Party, USA, is still subservient to the dictates of Moscow.

WINCHELL SAID:

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"Israeli underground hero Menachem Beigin will arrive here on the 28th. He will meet with Senator Knowland and other Congressional leaders on March 4th and 5th. The press will be barred. All of the talks will be off the record."

COMMENT:

We have received information re Beigin's impending arrival in the United States. He is the leader of the extreme right-wing political party in Israel, the Tenuat Hacherut, which is the successor to the Irgun, the Israeli underground group. ~~X~~ Appropriate sources have been alerted to Beigin's arrival, and if he undertakes any activity indicating that active investigation is necessary, we will undertake it. (u)

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The Department of Justice will accuse a top labor official of wiring a Federal Grand Jury room."

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We have received no such information. However, the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, is currently presenting evidence to a Federal Grand Jury re a possible violation of the so-called Federal Wire Tapping Statute by James R. Hoffa, 9th Vice President of the International Teamsters Union and subject of Bufile 139-267, and [REDACTED] professional New York wire tapper. In connection with this hearing, information has been developed to the effect that in 1953 at Hoffa's request, [REDACTED] furnished Hoffa's subordinates with miniature recording devices which they wore in connection with their appearance before a local grand jury investigating labor racketeering in Detroit, Michigan. This may be what Winchell had reference to.

WINCHELL SAID:

"A Reporters Report to the People - Washington - Arthur Miller a prize-winning playwright and the husband of a well-known movie star was indicted this week for refusing to tell Congress the names of persons he met at communist meetings. Mr. Miller's pro-Red leanings are stale news to you listeners. I was the first to make them public. The law may not be clear but the ethics are. The highest court in the land has ruled that a man may have many loyalties but one of them must be the highest of all - loyalty to this nation. Naming the Red comrades is not being a tattletale. It is identifying a rattlesnake which intends to destroy us all. In this fight there is only one man in the United States who has the right to be anonymous, the unknown soldier."

COMMENT:

Arthur Asher Miller [REDACTED] playwright and husband of movie actress, Marilyn Monroe, was indicted for contempt of congress by a Federal Grand Jury at Washington, D. C., on 2/18/57.

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Miller was reportedly a member of the Communist Party in the 1940s and affiliated with numerous communist-dominated organizations during the period from 1946 to 1950. He is not on the Security Index.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Hollywood - The California Senate investigation of private detectives and tipsters for the scandal magazines may jail many of them under the criminal libel code. Several trained lawyers for moving picture stars now suing scandal publications in the East are assisting the State of California. When the case goes to trial the names of persons who sold out their friends, sometimes for a mere \$200, will be made known. One of them is already known by her initials 'C. K.' She is the ex-wife of a television favorite. If her own life story were offered for sale, no scandal magazine could possibly publish it."

COMMENT:

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TO : L. V. Boardman *2/26/57*

DATE: February 18, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 17, 1957

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The next star witness for a Congressional Committee will be a prominent member of the Christian Science Monitor, a former undercover leftist. He will testify for the Government."

COMMENT:

We are not aware of the identity of this individual. It is recommended that Mr. Nichols' Office attempt to determine his identity.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - One of the generals in the Hungarian Army is flying to the United States. He will bring the plans of the Reds for satellite nations. He reports on Tuesday, next."

COMMENT:

While we are not aware of the specific identity of this individual, General Bela Kiraly has previously been in the United States as a refugee, has testified before the United Nations and has furnished information to the Department of State. He may be the individual referred to by Winchell.

Kiraly, a professional soldier, fought against the Russians in World War II. After the war he joined the Communist Party, rose to the rank of Major-General and became commander of the general staff college of the Hungarian Army. In 1951 he was imprisoned for opposing political pressures on the military forces and was expelled from the Party. He was released from jail on parole September 5, 1956, just seven weeks before the Revolution. He served as commander of the Budapest forces during the Revolution, and fled Hungary in November, 1956, after the Russians crushed the Revolutionary forces.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
RE: Walter Winchell's Broadcast

WINCHELL SAID:

"Leavenworth - Gus ^{KANS} Hall, the former national secretary of the Communist Party, will be released from Federal Prison March 30th after a five-year term."

COMMENT:

We are aware of this information.

The original indictment of Hall in 1948 consisted of two counts, (1) conspiracy to violate the Smith Act, and (2) membership in the Communist Party with knowledge that it advocated the use of force and violence. Hall was tried and convicted only on the conspiracy count. A detainer was filed against him at Leavenworth under the membership count of the indictment and it is anticipated that he will be rearrested upon his release March 30 under that count of the indictment. The Department has been advised of Hall's impending release.*

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Senate has received devastating evidence concerning a tie-up between big labor and a Las Vegas syndicate. It will be the hot potato of the year in Washington."

COMMENT:

We have received no such information. Winchell's statement probably relates to inquiries by the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field. This committee will conduct hearings in Washington, D. C., beginning February 25, 1957. Committee Chairman Senator John McClellan has publicly announced that the committee is interested in evidence indicating that hoodlums have infiltrated the trade union field.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Senate Internal Security Committee has subpoenaed a Communist Party chief to tell the inside story on the recent trouble in Moscow. I think this man may be Eugene ^{DC} Dennis."

*On basis of Hall's conviction for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act and for contempt of court he was sentenced to five years on the conspiracy count and three years on the contempt count, terms to run consecutively. He began serving these sentences 10/9/51 and completes service of these sentences, less good time, on 3/30/57.

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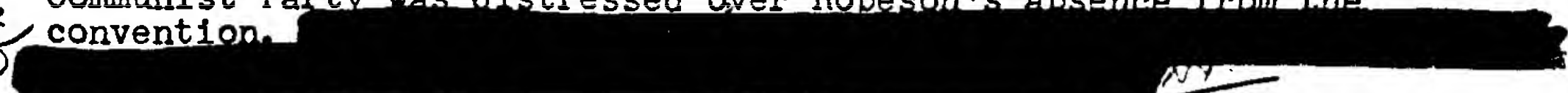
COMMENT:

The Senate Internal Security Committee will conduct hearings in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday and Thursday, February 20 and 21, 1957. Dennis is scheduled to testify before the committee during these hearings. The purpose of the committee in subpoenaing Dennis, however, is to question him relative to the change in the Party line resulting from the recent national convention of the Communist Party.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Pittsburgh Courier - The one thing that puzzled the Reds at their first convention in ten years was the absence of Paul Robeson, once the most militant comrade."

COMMENT:

No information has been received indicating that the Communist Party was distressed over Robeson's absence from the convention. 

WINCHELL SAID:

"Tips to the Papers - Variety - United States Senator Warren Magnuson's Subcommittee will resume its investigation of television networks on March 6th. The probe will include an investigation of ratings." DC

COMMENT:

For your information.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 19, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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FEBRUARY 17, 1957

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With regard to Mr. Belmont's memorandum of February 18, covering the Walter Winchell broadcast, you are advised the individual Winchell referred to as a "prominent member of the Christian Science Monitor" according to Morris is an Arnold Beichman who covered the Communist Convention for the Christian Science Monitor. Morris stated that the Winchell item was badly garbled.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: March 4, 1957

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
MARCH 3, 1957

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WINCHELL SAID

"Washington - The U. S. Senate Labor Committee's next target will be John O'Rourke, New York City's powerful teamster leader. He will take the stand in Washington in ten days."

COMMENT

John O'Rourke is the head of the Teamsters Joint Council in New York City. The Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field is making inquiry relative to O'Rourke's taking over of the Teamsters Joint Council. This committee has indicated to the Bureau that it will be some time before this matter is sufficiently investigated to appropriately hold hearings in this regard.

WINCHELL SAID

"Washington - The internal spy ring trial in the United States will reveal important operations in Denmark and Sweden. Another triumph for the FBI."

COMMENT

Winchell is probably referring to the forthcoming trial of Jack Soble, his wife, Myra Soble and Jacob Alban. They were arrested by the Bureau in New York City on January 25, 1957, for conspiracy to commit espionage and subsequently indicted. There are no Danish or Swedish angles to this case.

WINCHELL SAID

"The Distilleries Workers Union and the Laundry Workers will soon have their laundry washed in public by Senate probers. Federal Attorney Paul Williams has subpoenas out by the way for a garment union local."

- cc - Mr. Boardman
- cc - Mr. Nichols
- cc - Mr. Belmont
- cc - Mr. Rosen
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Re: Walter Winchell's Broadcast
March 3, 1957.

COMMENT:

In 1956, the Subcommittee on Welfare and Pension Funds of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee investigated the embezzlement of health and welfare funds of the Distilleries Workers Union and the Laundry Workers Union. The Department held that the Bureau had no jurisdiction relative to the embezzlement of these funds.

A Federal Grand Jury in New York City has been hearing evidence for the past several months with respect to possible labor violations in the garment industry. The Bureau is conducting investigation of possible violations of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947 and of the Anti-Racketeering Statute at the request of the U. S. Attorney in New York City predicated upon a review of the books and records of businesses in the garment industry which books and records were subpoenaed by the Federal Grand Jury.

WINCHELL SAID

"Former Police Commissioner Wallander of New York City and civilian defense experts have been summoned to testify before the House Committee on Government Operation."

COMMENT

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID

"David Beck, fugitive from a subpoena isn't afraid of the 5th Amendment as he is of an underworld six-shooter."

COMMENT

U. S. C.
The press has recently reported that David Beck, head of the Teamsters Union, is in Europe and the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field has been unable to subpoena him.

WINCHELL SAID

"Inside the Communist Party: Communists met secretly in Washington, D. C., on February the 19th, at a home on Ogden Street, Northwest. They met with a committee trying to get atomic spy, Morton Sobell, out of Alcatraz. He is doing 30 years there for his part in the spy ring that sent the Rosenbergs to the chair at Sing Sing. Mrs. Sobell, his wife, was the principal speaker."

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WINCHELL SAID

"New York communist leaders are negotiating with Frederick Vanderbilt Field for purchase of one of his buildings on West 26th Street, New York City. If they acquire it, it will be the new headquarters for the New York State Communist Party. Their next meeting by the way, will be held March 9th."

COMMENT

WINCHELL SAID

"Red leaders are pumping new blood into the 20th Century Book Shop in Berkeley, California--one of the top outlets on the west coast for their propaganda."

COMMENT

The 20th Century Book Shop, 2021 University Avenue, Berkeley, California, is an outlet for literature for the Eastbay Labor Youth League in California as well as the Communist Party. Bu airtel February 20, 1957. San Francisco advised that

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WINCHELL SAID

"Bridgeport - The Defense Department and the Senate Security Committee are investigating a large company engaged in secret defense work. The new owner, the new management is suspected--allegedly a long time communist supporter. He is well known among show people. His initials are A. S."

COMMENT

Winchell is possibly referring to



WINCHELL SAID

"And that Mr. and Mrs. 48 winds up the final edition until the Fall. I began shooting the first scenes of a new television film series this week for Desilu Productions. Thanks to the Mutual Network and all of you for 28 exciting years. Goodnight."

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Walter:

The manner in which you ended your broadcast Sunday night gave me a feeling of sadness because over the years you have been a Sunday night institution. There is no doubt in my mind that the millions of people who have followed you will certainly miss their weekly session with you. I certainly hope that not too many months will pass before you are back on the air again.

You can take great satisfaction in the knowledge that you have made many worthwhile and constructive contributions and there is a need for you to return to resume your activities.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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March 18, 1957

Dear John:

Thanks for your nice note. I am
taking it a lot easier. I see too many people
I knew fall down.

Best to you and Clyde,

Walter
Walter Winchell

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From Walter Winchell's office

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AMJ to DWA

April 11, 1957

Mr. Walter Winchell;

I am writing you to protest the actions of the panel on Gary Moore's program "I've got a secret" Wednesday night, April 10, 1957.

Mr. Frank J. Wilson, a retired Department of Intelligence man, a guest?, on the program was explaining how the department had, after many hours, days and even years finally found a way to put Al Capone behind bars.

While he was talking, the would-be clowns on the panel were amusing the audience and incidently acting like a group of morons for the benefit for Hedy Lamar.

I wish you had seen the program, because I know how you respect the servi now represented by Mr. John Edgar Hoover Jr. and with your gift of writing and the large circulation of your column, you could give these clowns the treatment they deserve.

I wish to thank your office, and you, very much for reading this letter.

Yours truly, and still hot

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TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

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With reference to the Director's inquiry on the Walter Winchell column of June 24 as to whether we knew what Winchell was talking about when he said, "If the files are made public an editor's red face will light up a pending case," I, frankly, do not know what this could conceivably be. Perhaps Winchell has in mind Jimmy Wechsler. I talked to Roy Cohn Sunday, however, there was no such discussion along this line.

I wonder if we should ask Rose what he had in mind.

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cc-Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Jones

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Man About Town

Terry Moore and her estranged husband Eugene McGrath had two meetings, at which she agreed to withdraw her charges against him and issue a retraction. They will wait two months to decide what next. McGrath is furious at his lawyer, who switched clients without warning and made Terry's wild charges public. Caesar Romero's constant companion is Babs Warren, one of enicee) are struggling with their biggest problem... That charming gal on Liberace's arm is June Hawkins, a jazz pianist... Hal Prince, coparent of "New Girl in Town," and producer Gayle Styne are in a blazing romance. Their Vegas visit made it public... Jack Carter and model Mollie Ann Bourn are giving it a whirl... Jack Buchanan, British star, has found love in his sunset years. She is Joanne Clair, mystery writer... Rex Harrison's understudy, Ed Mulhare, is fighting the humidity with Helen Murphy, one of the prettiest of the Eastern Airline belles... Scott Brady of the Hollywoods is seeing the N.Y. sights with model Carol Brooks, quite a sight herself.

Cary Grant expects to collect over \$1,000,000 from his share of "The Pride and the Passion"... Selene Walters' sundown affair today is in honor of Mayor Kim of Seoul... Ellen Lehman, niece of the Senator, weds Preston Long this week. Her ex-husband, Richard McCluskey, and Marion Schaeffer are expected to marry shortly after... Teddy Rodriguez has the miseries over Phyllis' divorce action in Miami... Howard Johnson, Jr. and Patricia Bates tryst at the Vanderbilt's Purple Tree. What happened to middle-aisle hopes with Cary Latimer?... Songstress Lucy Reed weds Serge Seymour, the photographer, shortly... Melina Mercouri, star of "Stella," the Greek film, will become Mrs. Jules Dassin after the divorce... The Marquise de Portago is leaving for Spain to claim her late husband's title for their 3-year-old son.

Zsa-Zsa Gabor's best kept secret they say is British producer James Woolf... Nancy Davis, dancer in "Most Happy Fella," is the dghter of retired Rear-Admiral J. P. Davis, now in the Penn. Legislature... All Khan apparently is not cemented to model Bettina. He's been dating Bella Darvi... Gerold Frank, who did Diana Barrymore's book ("as told to"), wants to do Martha Raye's, but he can't wait for her to make up her mind... Mrs. Alger Hiss now works at a Lexington Avenue art gallery... Susan Sayers of "The Big Payoff" and agent Tommy Russell are Yes, Indeedy... Calypso headliners Lord Christopher and Helen Ferguson rhyme... Sallie Blair, who soared from \$50 per week to \$2000 (in less than a year), just made her first platter. "Squeeze Me"... Garson Kanin is reading "The Gambler and the Girl Scout." The author is the property man at "Hole in the Head"... Sen. Bridges has been sicker than announced. He is still hospitalized.

The Romeo & Juliet theme will be used by two shows in the Fall. A comedy named "Romanoff & Juliet" and the musical, "Gangway"... That hat box June Havoc carried on the plane didn't contain millinery. It had 3 pet snakes... The Diamond Beach Lodge in Wildwood, N.J., has put up \$250,000 for Summer shows. Eartha Kitt, Martha Raye and King Cole are signed... Billy Glason publishes "The Comedian," the only monthly professional material service used by many comics. Glason is at 200 W. 54th... Are comic Will Jordan and Toni Arden as serious as they say?... Lance Fuller doesn't object to Vikki Dougan's controversial hackless frock. Almost had her out of it at the Seville, H'wood—manhole... Costers now believe Natalie Wood and Nicky Hilton will make it official.

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Martha Rountree, the tcevee narrator, won the lawsuit flung by the first Mrs. Oliver Presbery... Yesteryear's great star ~~Bessie~~ Wynne is at Bellevue... Mrs. Gus Edwards, long ill, is much better... Bishop Sheen will be awarded a Dr. of Theology at the U. of Louvain (Belgium) this week. His Alma Mater... Roberta Sherwood plays her 4th return booking at the Eden Roc (Miami Beach) July 4th... Stewart Rose, baritone with Fred Waring's crew, weds showgirl Rita Dorton this week... Dr. Marion Langer, author of "Learning to Live as a Widow," revealed her marriage to a Stamford attorney... The Dave Shelleys (Martha Stewart) will be 4 soon. Shelley inherits 5 1/2 million on his 40th birthday from his late stepfather, songwriter Buddy DeSylva... Walter Troutman, recently attentive to Ginger Rogers, now adores Dorothy Malone... A new series of indictments in the tv are expected from the Grand Jury in N.Y. Friday.

The Rocky Marciano-Manager Weill divorce is not exactly freedom from the other. The "settlement" gives Weill a percentage of the Champ's future deals, etc... The swank Pink & White Ball Friday eve at the Bath & Tennis Club (Westhampton) is for the Runyon Cancer Fund. Thanks... Marjorie Post, ex-wife of Ambassador J. E. Davies, and Dr. Winston Emmial are a dignified ad for Chandler's... Wasn't that Tom Dewey, Jr. and Bess Duclaire at the same spot?... Marilyn Monroe's apartment was burgled of "personal" things when she was at the Music Hall premiere... Jean Young of The New Yorker mag becomes Mrs. Earl Harrison, Jr. in 2 weeks. His late father was dean of the U. of P. law school... Sal Mineo forgets his eye ordeal with Susan Kolner at Marino's... Sophia Loren, long busy making movie money, has started making inquiries about "where did it go?"

Dr. Billy Graham's gifts include a mobile chapel from the Virginia, Fredericksburg & Potomac R.R... It is a former dining car remodeled with living quarters, pipe organ, altar and pews for a small congregation... Industrialist Fred Grey, who sends nightly orchids to showgirl Nancy Westbrook, broke the monotony by dispatching a pink mink stole... Gorgeous Sigyn Lund, a dancer in "Happy Hunting," is heiress to the Swedish-American steamship fortune... Intimates say it looks like marriage for choreographer Peter Gladke and lovely Marilyn Bell, dancer... Big rumor around Dinty Moore's that one of the waiters made \$200,000 in the market (in the past 18 months) via a patron's info... Joan Mann, parted from comic Jack Carter, hides her new love J. McPherson at The Living Room. He is prez of Airbourne Freight... Temple Texas and Stephen Masters have let it curdle.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER will soon appear before the Senate. He will urge legislation to correct the recent Supreme Court decision — turning over files to defense lawyers. If the files are made public an editor's red face will light up a pending case.... George Wallace's leg injury sent him to Medical Arts. He's in the "New Girl" show... David Kent, the antiques exec, courts eyeful Robin Roberts at Olin's... Fulton Lewis, Jr.'s young son has gone limp for Jeanne Conlin, an Arthur Murray teacher... Willie Mays will take his tifficulties with ex-roommate Monte Irvin to the State Liquor Authority... Imogene Coca and Steve Allen's gag writer Bill Dana relax at Cerutti's... Ginny Simms simms to be mooning over Moon Mullins... A detective ordered to arrest top underworld ("for vagrancy") said he was embarrassed locking them up. "Their shoes, groaned the cop, "cost more than my suit."

memo
nick
to Tolson
6-24-57
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Do we know what
this can be?

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Buffalo 7, N. Y.
Sept. 18 - 1957

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Walter Winchell
Mr. Lee Mortimer

Gentlemen,


I've read your column for years, and heard you on the radio.

Along with a lot of other people, I admire your exposure of communists & was horrified at the recent Supreme Court's decisions. I think too, that our beloved J. E. Hoover would be wonderful as our next President.

God Bless both of you

Sincerely,

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Buffalo, N.Y.
Sept. 18-1957
Mr Walter Winchell, NY &
Mr Joe Matthews
Gentlemen,
I've read your column
for years, and read you
on the radio.

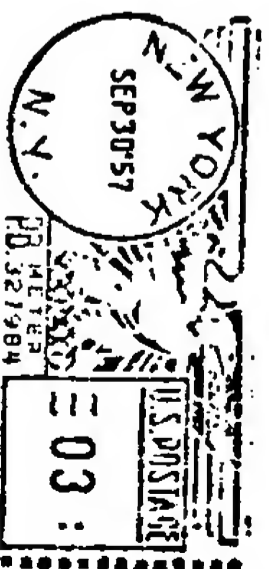
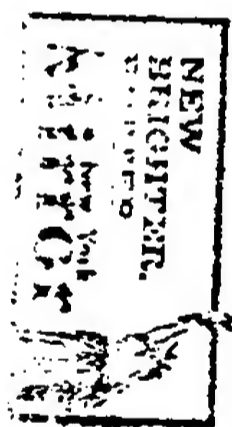
Along with a lot of other
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& think too, that any
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,

U.S. Department of Justice,

Washington, D.C.

Director
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my mind to go to and then if this
information isn't used, they
can't do a thing besides they
couldn't possibly investigate
anywhere else.

I explain your need
Americanism and quite and
the public know that they
know a right on their side.
I hope I can trust you to use
this information very carefully
so as not to hurt him, or
people who might be involved
with him knowing the conditions.
I did not write Mr. Keenan
directly because I feel you
would know how to handle
the situation and maybe
condemn the facts before any
action was taken.

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Dear Mr. Winchell,
I know you
are interested in Communism
and its operation, so do all read
American, so perhaps you could
do something about the information
you are giving.
The "Anti-Fascist Equity" has a
"Communist Cell" and a list of
people from whom it is headed
by Dick Keenan, but I can't
believe he knows anything
about it, even though he
continued to give testimony to
his mass of numbers when
most of these were for because
in such a well known and
very active for the cause, since
then P. A. Group.

There haven't been much
that the Communist diffident
perhaps are delivered.
of in London that they are
trying to convert many people
of a sort not established
function, that they are
imposed with organization
who are speaking out over
the country and are able to
get their views established
with the effect of 2 and 1.0.
I would like to see them.
It seems to be some movement
but I haven't seen it or written
know about it, so of course
there is always the chance
of it being ahead.
There are 20 years before
who really know what is
going on and the E.B.1 can

See on our organized the act of
the ~~judicial~~ de-gas and a man
was really before trying to show
it. Again I say I don't think
all the people know what the
organizer were. They organized
the Metropolitan Museum of
Art about three years ago and
said, there wasn't he a rebel
in out on the which there
was. Recently I found out the
quarrel and for the who were
organized found out it was
organized of dominical so get
away from that group and men
have a mass of men.
The abstract quantity also called
the fifth class of balance above
fourth in Gimble.
I say there showing their
meeting at 30 E 14 St.
where there were attacks, men
the buildings in much over
but a surplus work done

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 18, 1957, to Messrs. Walter Winchell and Lee Mortimer has been referred to my attention.

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I was interested in having the benefit of your observations, and your kind expression of confidence in me is deeply appreciated. I would like to take this occasion, however, to point out that I have no political aspirations since I feel that I can best serve our country in my present capacity.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Desilu Productions Inc.

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HOLLYWOOD 9-8881

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Clayton	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

DESI ARNAZ
PRESIDENT

(14)

✓

November 5, 1957

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mr. Walter Winchell very proudly showed me your letter concerning his new television series.

I will be most happy to send you 16 mm prints of shows 1 and 2 of THE WALTER WINCHELL FILE if you will let me know where to send them.

Mrs. Arnaz joins me in sending warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Desi Arnaz
(Desi Arnaz)

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Office

November 13, 1957

Mr. Desi Arnaz
Desilu Productions Inc.
846 North Cahuenga Boulevard
Hollywood 38, California

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Dear Desi:

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Many thanks for your letter of November 5, 1957, regarding the films for the first two programs of "The Walter Winchell File."

I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in offering to send them to me, and you can use the same address you employed in your letter.

Best regards to Lucy and you,

Sincerely,

Edgar

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NOTE: The Director wrote Walter Winchell on October 17 indicating that he had the opportunity to view his new television series for the first time on the previous night. By reply of October 23, Mr. Winchell advised that he was sending the letter to "Desi and Lucy" and that he wanted the Director to see the first two films.

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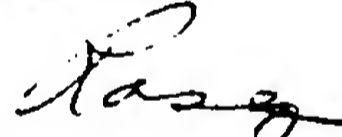
235 EAST 45TH STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
MURRAY HILL 2-1000

December 2, 1957

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I told my boss that the last time I spoke to you (several weeks ago) you said you were enjoying the new tv series. He wanted to know if you and Mr. Hoover had seen the first two shows. Can you let me know, please?

regards,



for Walter Winchell

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To Clyde Tolson - for person in narcotics
the street

Teenagers are buying dope all over Greenwich

Per the

Village.....The whole area is loaded with it.....

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Miss Rose Bigman
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Rose:

With regard to your inquiry of December 2, 1957, I have now had an opportunity to see the films of the first two programs of "The Walter Winchell File." I found the presentations most interesting and have so advised Desi and Walter. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Walter for your information.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. C. H.

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December 4, 1957

PERSONAL

Mr. Walter Winchell
Beverly Hills Hotel
Beverly Hills, California

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Dear Walter:

Just a note to let you know that I have recently had an opportunity to see the films for the first two programs of 'The Walter Winchell File' which were made available to me by Desi Arnaz. Separately I have expressed my appreciation to Desi for his thoughtfulness.

I found the presentations most interesting and was certainly pleased to see the excellent manner in which law enforcement officers were portrayed.

Incidentally, you are to be commended for the straightforward manner in which you handled your part in the presentations. I enjoyed them very much, and the films are being returned to the Film Services Department, American Broadcasting Company, New York, New York.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

John

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cc - Miss Rose Bigman
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

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ved.

Desi Arnaz

November 18, 1957

- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Clayton
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy

Dear Edgar,

I am very pleased to send you two
16mm prints of the first two of
"The Walter Winchell File" shows.
The films are going out Air-Express
today. Hope you enjoy them, and
will be looking forward to hearing
your reaction.

Lucy joins me in sending warmest
personal regards.

Sincerely,

Desi
Desi (Arnaz)

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: December 2, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT:

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You will recall that the Desilu Productions sent to the Director the first two "Walter Winchell File" television films. They have been reviewed by Special Agent Kemper and are as follows:

1. This deals with the apprehension of burglary suspects by the New York City Police Department and evolves around a police officer, whose wife has just had a baby and whose personal courage is being tested in a gun battle. Walter Winchell, as roving reporter, is on the scene and reports the gun battle first hand. There is considerable violence but law enforcement is shown in an excellent fashion.

2. The second script deals with a mad man who murders his girl friend, kills a police officer and is later killed in self defense by a minister. The minister sits in judgment on himself and he ends up by leaving his parish and going to a prison where he becomes the chaplain. This is a very tense drama and is rather violent.

These are complete half-hour shows and include the Revlon advertisements. Running time one hour. These are 16 mm prints and if Director desires to see them arrangements will be made.

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Mr. Desi Arnaz
Desilu Productions, Inc.
846 North Cahuenga Boulevard
Hollywood 38, California

Dear Desi:

I have now had an opportunity to see the films for the first two programs of "The Walter Winchell File" and I found them most interesting. I was particularly well pleased with the excellent manner in which the law enforcement officers were portrayed. Please accept my sincere thanks for making these films available to me. The films are being returned in the immediate future to the Film Services Department, American Broadcasting Company, New York, New York.

Please give my best regards to Lucy.

Sincerely,
Edgar

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 22, 1957

Attached are prints of Walter Winchell shows.

By letter 11-18-57 Desi Arnaz advised he was sending the Director two 16 mm. prints of the first two of "The Walter Winchell File" shows.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman _____
- Mr. Belmont _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Parsons _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tamm _____
- Mr. Trotter _____
- Mr. Jones _____
- Mr. Clayton _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Attachment
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*Jones - Please memo to me
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Parsons _____
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Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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T. Edgar Hoover

JOHN H. TEETER

WALTER WINCHELL FOUNDATION, INC.
DAMON RUNYON MEMORIAL FUND FOR CANCER RESEARCH, INC.
THE BRAVEST & FINEST, INC.

730 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.
JUDSON 2-5400

62-31615-1052

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Walter Winchell of New York

New York Rhythms

Broadway has a thousand airs;
Songs like curses, songs like prayers.
But what is a tune to a heart like mine
Who had the bread and the heady wine
And the beautiful dreams that a lover shares?

Broadway has a thousand tears,
Griefs that mask and grief that scars.
But what are tears to a heart that learned
Long ago, that a candle burned
At both ends, gives no light that cheers?

—Frances Hodgson

Aboard TWA's Jetstream bound for Chicago and Miami via Eastern Airline's "Golden Falcon" piloted by Capt. Dick Merrill... Suzy Parker in the 20th Century-Fox commissary looking just as lovely sans false-face and gook. "I will never marry," she said. "It is mere fun being with men when you don't have to be with them!" ... "Topic A" will be seen on the screen for the first time when Bardot and Gabin go thru the great emotions in "The Night Heaven Fell." Clever camera work will get it by the censor—mebbe... Lovely dancing star Lois Ray is now delighting the Palm Springs "Chichi" set... To Mr. and Mrs. Greater Miami: See you tomorrow eve at the Miami Beach auditorium, where the column will hamcee the Variety Club's Crippled Children's Fund. It is spearheaded by Miami Herald staffers... Fox's budget for "The Greatest Story Ever Told" (The Life of Christ) will be about ten million dollars... Prince Djordjadze (being unraveled by Lady Ashley) is doing the Palm Beach rounds with Bobo Rockefeller.

Sallies In Our Alley: Bob Dunn relays the one about Abe, who was always bellyachin' about business. His pal Sam was fed up and growled: "The next time we meet, if you start crying abc business and telling me your troubles, we're thru forever!"... A says okey-dokey... Next day Abe's greeting was: "How are thin otherwise?"... Topic A was Sammy Davis, Jr., the new bridegroom. Someone wondered if he knew how many hearts he had left in tatt... "I doubt it," sighed a torch-carrier. "Tears never make any soun

Vignette: When Shelley Winters was recently sunning here at the Beverly Hills Hotel poolside, an Air Force jet streaked across the skies, leaving its pure white ribbon behind it... Shelley (born in Brooklyn), who lives and breathes show business, mumbled "What's he gonna advertise?"... "Oh, Shelley," we said, "don't you know that's one of our jet planes? Whadja think it was going to spell out—Seven Up or something?"... "Don't holler on me," shrugged the star. "All I wanna know is how many shows are running on Broadway!"

Memos of a Sky-Rider: Mrs. Lou Gehrig, widow of the great Yankees' star (she's a successful songwriter), and orchestra bandleader Barney Tandler tete-a-tee-hee at Dave's Blue Room... Santa Monica city manager was among the hundreds turned away from Ben Blue's jammed-packed laugh-riot rendezvous on Wilshire Blvd. near 22nd Street, Santa Monica, last night. The audience laughed continuously for one hour and forty minutes... They were saying that Sandra Rockefeller (21), daughter of J. D. Rockefeller 3rd, will probably elope with Greenwich Village artist Anthea Sangeradi... Bella Darvi's new fella is the Shah of Persia's brud... Amut... Irving Lazar (a top H'wood agent for stars), recently from Moscow, reports: "They adore capitalists. Their party line is hoku

To Our Readers: Please continue sending your postcard letters on your favorite TV network shows. What programs do you watch on THURSDAY NIGHTS between 7 and 10 (New York Time Zone)? Write to W. W., New York Mirror, 235 E. 45th St., N.Y. 17. Thank you.

Hollywood Novelet: Bill Boyd, better known (with affection) as most children, was broke ten years ago... He is now almost as rich as Howard Hughes or J. Paul Getty... He told us that his first big year (as Hopalong Cassidy) the manufacturers of all Hopalong gadgets (dungarees, cowboy hats, spurs, candles, shoes, pistols and... for themselves... He is now in his 60s, handsomer than ever, and fit as all getout. But he said: "How much longer can I live? My wife and I made out our wills—leaving all the money I made entertaining children—to homes for orphans, etc. The kids gave it to us, so we are giving it back to them"... Bill (the sole owner of his wealthy films) was watching himself on the teevee screen the other day while Mrs. Boyd was shopping... As a closeup of him came on, he chuckled: "Hello, you'll be a money-maker you!"

NEW YORK MIRROR, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1948

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The Big-Time: Mindy Carson's swlegant recording of "It's Just My Luck"... Tommy Purcell's dreamy pianotes at Maurice, a popular place... Dolores Morgan's torchanting of "Tell Him I Said Hello"... Gretchen Wyler (Hi, Doll!) at Le Cupidon... The book "Love Is A 4 Letter Word" by Anita Rowe Block... Eleanor Roosevelt's story, "On My Own," in the Feb. 8th Saturday Evening Post... Look's article, "A Snob's Guide to N. Y.," by Russell Lynes... Sammy Davis, Jr.'s remarkable entertainment (plus Don Arden's spectacular number about San Francisco and Frankie & Johnny) at Frank Sennes' Moulin Rouge, H'wood... Coral's "Here's Steve Lawrence" swellbum... Max Lerner's exciting tome, "America as a Civilization" (Simon & Schuster).

Column Ticker: Patsy Kelly opens at Ann's 400 Club (San Francisco) this week. Talented girl... Lovely Patricia Bosworth, daughter of famed barrister Bartley Crum, gets her big break in Warner's "The Nun." It will be filmed in Rome in the Spring... Roberto, they say, is pulling a fast one having his marriage to Ingrid annulled. It would free him of his \$1,000 per month settlement, if granted... Joan Fontaine made Romeo Salta's look beautiful... Shannon Dean (of the shows) and Navy Comdr. Ralph Fullam are Lohengrinning... Most read author (according to insiders in the publishing profes) is the one and only E. Hemingway... Did John E. Hoover (Mr. G-Man) notice his photo on the wall of a police station scene in last Friday night's "Winchell File"? We put it there to give it some class.

Sounds In The Night: At Joe King's Rathskeller: "Let's go over to your place and wear out a record"... At Maud Chez Elle: "Don't look now, dear, but you're sitting on your tewpay!"... At Armando's: "You're wanted outside, Buster, your truck's double-parked!"... In Lindy's: "Who was that wife I saw you with last night?"... At Cafe St. Denis: "He never drinks between drunks"... At Maurice: "She's going places. She has that certain somebody"... At Billy Reed's Little Club: "She has the kind of eyes that smile at every man and the kind of legs that laugh at every woman."

"The Walter Winchell File." Friday at 10 P.M. ABCTV.

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February 11, 1958

62-31615-1052
Mr. John H. Teeter
Executive Director
Damon Runyon Memorial Fund
for Cancer Research, Inc.
730 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Jack: Teeter

I have received the copy of Walter's column for February 5, and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in making it available. I did see the photograph and I wrote Walter about it. I think Walter has a most interesting TV show.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

1/5/John

cc Mr. Jones (rewrite)

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235 EAST
NEW YORK
MURRAY

February 5, 1958

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Winchell would like you to
send the attached to the proper authorities.
We would appreciate your help.

regards,

Rose

for Walter Winchell

[Handwritten flourish]

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ROSE: I THINK I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS NUISANCE. DIG UP ALL THE OTHER LETTERS AND THREATS HE SENT ME. THIS IS [REDACTED] HUSBAND. Please have Sol Rosenblatt or someone legal contact Post Office Dept at Washington for advice on what we should do about this man. He is a hyge bully and may start a fight and I may get in trouble defending myself against him. I once wrote about him and some other men in the headlines who sued their wives for alimony and since then he has sent threats, etc. Does the FBI enter into this? Anyway, do it at once.

Watch stamp it full off

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Bow Wow

Dear Coach Walter:

This is to inform you that I am on my way to New York City, to talk to a member of Revlon's board of directors(ex football buddie also). I wish to show him why a Gangster programe like yours, should be kicked off TV.

Your TV show is the worse obstacle that I have in fighting Juvenile Delinquency.

Your true pal,

Bow Wow

P.S.

I will have every Revelon product boycotted by Polish Parishes, and organizations.

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Now print a true itim:

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Bow Wow , is paying [REDACTED] \$275.00 per month

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Alimony for the next ten years. Plus he gave her a \$85,000.00 Beverly

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Hills home, and has the cancelled checks to prove it.

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Miss Rose Bigman
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Rose:

Your note of the 5th, with enclosures, has been received and after looking over "Bow Wow's" letter can find nothing that brings it within our area of interest. I am returning the original to you in view of Walter's note that he wanted a lawyer to contact the Post Office Department. The note is enclosed also.

With best wishes as always,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

Enclosures (3)

NOTE: A review of [redacted] letter to Winchell reveals no Bureau interest, and it is not felt we should send it over to the Post Office Department inasmuch as no postal violations indicated. [redacted] letter known as "Bow Wow" is [redacted] ex-husband. Back in 1942, he applied for the Bureau at which time he was described as an erratic individual and a borderline moron. He wanted to join the Bureau to "kill Hitler." [redacted]

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March 7, 1958

Dr. Walter Winchell
Roney Plaza Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Walter:

I was most delighted to learn that you would receive an honorary degree from Florida Southern College and I want to extend to you my heartiest congratulations. This is indeed a most deserved tribute to your humanitarian efforts, particularly in the fight against cancer.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

15/John

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Miami 52, Florida
March 6, 1958

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Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

PERSONAL

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am transmitting herewith an article by Ted Thackrey, Managing Editor of "The Lakeland Ledger," Lakeland, Florida, of March 2, 1958. It concerns Mr. Winchell and the fact that he will receive a doctor's degree from Florida Southern College on March 7, 1958.

With my very best regards.

Sincerely,

no reply needed ✓

John H. Williams

John H. Williams

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A NEWSPAPERMAN'S SCRAPBOOK

By Ted Thackrey, Ledger Managing Editor

Walter Winchell's \$13,000,000 Item

WALTER WINCHELL, whose formal schooling was terminated in the sixth grade when he left school at 13, is coming to Lakeland Friday night as the principal guest of honor of Florida Southern College. When he leaves Lakeland he will be, for the first time in his life, Dr. Walter Winchell, wearing the highest honor that can be conferred upon him by any educational institution. Curiously enough, it is a distinction which has been offered him under other circumstances by other colleges and universities, and one which he has previously declined, sometimes almost brusquely, for he sensed that in some way there were golden strings attached; that the institution in its own dignified but stilted manner might be less concerned with his qualification to receive the honor than with his enormous ability to publicize the institution in exchange for the accolade. As a man who has been made wary through the years of being conned by press agents, whether in white tie, black tie or shirt-sleeves, he wasn't having any. In declining he simply re-established a hard won point — space in his column is not for sale . . . not for money, marbles, nor unearned honors. This time the circumstances differ, and Winchell, in a more humble mood than I have known him, is, for all his humility, aware of the difference. This is an earned degree, a recognition of merit offered, and accepted, in good faith. It arises primarily from a brief broadcast and a paragraph written in a Winchell column eleven years ago — a paragraph that has resulted, thus far, in raising more than \$13,000,000, all of which is in the fight to conquer cancer.

IT WOULD BE presumptuous for me to claim Walter Winchell as a friend, and it would be outrageous to term him an enemy. He is simply a man I have known, off and on, entirely through our mutual profession — I am pleased to note that he styles himself in Who's Who as simply a newspaperman — since back in the late 1920's when I first went to New York to edit the Telegram and Walter was the sensation of the metropolis as columnist and drama critic for the New York Mirror.



THACKREY

I ONCE WENT through a long night watch with him which ended with his usual dawn bout with the typewriter, using a rapid hunt-and-peck system to pound out each fresh line or comment, each newly minted phrase, an addition to the American language — for which he has coined more phrases than any living man. Yet it is not for his contribution to letters, but his contribution to the humanities, Florida Southern College honors him this week, and justly so.

For it was Winchell who sparked establishment of one of the greatest present day foes of cancer — the Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund — though many joined him early and many more have since done yeoman service in that cause. One of its outstanding features — and one of which he is justly proud — is that not one cent of the fund has gone to pay any expenses incurred in conjunction with raising the fund — not to Winchell, nor to anyone else. The \$13,000,000 raised thus far has gone for what it was intended — research to fight cancer.

WINCHELL VIEWS himself first, last and always as simply a reporter — Arthur Brisbane once called him America's greatest reporter, and certainly he has had more news beats read by a wider audience than any journalist of our time. Much of his story is nearly as well known as some of the colorful words and phrases he has coined over the years — infanticiding; Chicago-gorilla; blessed event; blessed hevent and blessed shevent; trumor, and the like. Born in 1898, at 13 he was a theater usher, and before he was fourteen joined with Eddie Cantor, Georgie Jessel, and three others to tour with Gus Edwards' famous Newsboy Sextette. He is one of those rare Metropolitans — a native of New York City. He graduated into his own show. He was a hooper, a comedian . . . and filled with insatiable curiosity and the gift of expression. Among his first coined words was the title of the gossip bulletin he posted on the bulletin board during his vaudeville career to keep other performers informed — and giggling. He called it "The Daily Newsense."

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Lakeland, Florida
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WINCHELL QUIT show business for *Variety* and then columned for the New York Graphic, leaving the MacFadden sponsored tabloid in 1929 for the New York Mirror — a newspaper home he has never left. As drama editor and critic, he began to spice his column with Broadway and international gossip, personalized, fresh. Until he had more than 165 newspapers, a reading audience of more than 25,000,000 daily — and he could truthfully say, as he has — “others print the news. I make it public.”

WINCHELL'S NEWSBEATS have been fabulous. Once he printed a tip (from Texas Guinan) that Vincent Coll was scheduled to be murdered. Coll, himself dubbed the Mad Dog Killer, was rubbed out exactly five hours AFTER Winchell's column hit the streets. That was in 1922. J. Edgar Hoover became his admirer and friend when Winchell discovered that Bruno Hauptmann was about to be picked up as the Lindbergh baby kidnaper — and sat on his sensational scoop for 24 hours after telling Hoover about it, so as not to interfere with the arrest.

One of his more sensational news beats was the first report of the attempted assassination of President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt in Miami

on Feb. 15, 1933 — two weeks before the inauguration.

As the bronzed and smiling president was driven along the boulevard at the close of a gala holiday, Joseph (Giuseppe) Zangara, a mentally unbalanced zealot stood on a box and fired at the car from 20 feet away. A woman jerked his arm as he fired, deflecting his aim. He emptied the pistol. Five were seriously injured, but the president elect was unscratched. Mayor Anton J. Cermack of Chicago, riding beside Roosevelt, was fatally wounded.

Winchell, in Miami at the time, was on the air less than five minutes after the event.

In 1939 when Louis (Lepke) Buchhalter a chief gangland executioner, was No. 1 on the FBI wanted list with a price of \$50,000 on his head, the mobster surrendered — to Winchell, who was frankly acting as Hoover's intermediary.

Early—in 1932 before most newsmen or commentators were aware of Hitler as more than a messy nuisance in Munich beer halls, Winchell was blasting the Nazi (and Fascist) organizations as international hooligans, mobsters, thugs, and bums. His pounding away did much to make America conscious of the nature and character of rising dictatorships throughout the world.

HE CRUSADED endlessly—for people and causes. From the benefit funds for police and firemen, for higher pay and greater recognition for teachers—for recognition of talent overlooked by other critics. His favorable mentions alone against the field perked up the dying “Hellzapoppin” and kept it running for 1,000 nights on Broadway; More recently, his encouragement—via the column—boosted Roberta Sherwood from a \$50 a week to a \$5,000 a week singer.

He enthused over Senator McCarthy when other liberals—and Winchell is a liberal by his own definition—were less enthusiastic, and demanded to know “But who else is fighting Communism? Name one other.”

With it all, he remained the curious, excited reporter, covering the police beat in preference to all others, watching for signal 30 on the short wave radio (Signal 30—crime of violence) listening for a 5-alarm fire.

DAMON RUNYON, who created fictional Broadway characters from the ones he met in real life on the main stem—and whose characters were often copied in turn by the characters who were their originals—was his bosom companion on many of the night-beat cruises, riding with Winchell in the special car, with special plates, radio, badges and pistol permits.

When Runyon was stricken by cancer of the throat, he refused to give up, continuing his rounds, communicating with his friends by pencil and pad.

One night, after an evening of “chasing the burglars” Winchell, Runyon and others commented on a black-bordered ad which had run regularly in *Variety* once a year for 30 years as a memorial to the memory of Paul Armstrong by Ben Piazza, whom Armstrong had once befriended.

“You can keep the things of bronze and stone, give me one man to remember me once a year.” Runyon scribbled on his note-pad, passing it to Winchell. Runyon, described by a London critic as “the Dickens of our time” died on Dec. 10, 1946.

The following Sunday Winchell appealed over the microphones to friends and listeners for “a dollar, nickle, dime or quarter” in Runyon's memory—perhaps enough, he hoped, to endow a bed in a cancer hospital. He followed it with an item in his column. Other columnists and broadcasters joined in the appeal.

WHEN I TALKED with Winchell by phone last week he reminded me that the astonishing growth of the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research was as surprising to him as to anyone.

"We didn't know whether we'd get \$50 or \$50,000," he said. "We just said if anybody wanted to contribute we'd make sure none of the money went for 'administrative expenses'—that it would go into research for fighting cancer. Which it has."

The fund began with pennies, nickles, dimes and occasional dollars. A boys baseball team in the Bronx gave a benefit game; some Virginia children sold rides on their horses and sent a total of \$24.87; and from a thug named Scalise serving time in the penitentiary came \$139.90 collected for the good cause.

The foundation now has a home at 730 Fifth Ave., and grants are screened by John H. Teeter, a former aide to Thomas K. Finletter and an honored guest of the college this week in his own right; but Winchell still countersigns the checks, and is a trustee along with Arthur Godfrey and others.

ALL ADMINISTRATIVE expense in connection with the fund is met by a separate foundation . . . the Winchell Foundation.

WHAT MAKES WINCHELL tick? The noted night-beat reporter whose favorite drink is a hot chocolate or a chocolate soda—but who loves to dance the mamba, the samba, or any smart step—with Elizabeth Taylor — with whom he has danced it — or your grandmother, if she's pert and lively.

His own explanation is—and he says it without pretension or smirk—that he is simply a reporter, one of those mortals "who must follow the truth wherever it may lead, whomever it may hurt, and however unpleasant it may be to read and hear."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 7 1958

TELETYPE

URGENT 3-7-58 6-18 PM EST RBJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MIAMI 1P

RE WALTER WINCHELL RECEIVING DEGREE FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE,

LAKELAND, FLORIDA. REMY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN TODAY. MR. WINCHELL RECEIVED

DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES DEGREE AT TEN AM, MARCH SEVEN. HE

IS TO BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT FOUNDERS DAY BANQUET AT

COLLEGE MARCH SEVEN AT SEVEN PM. SUGGEST LETTER OF

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIM ADDRESSED TO RONEY PLAZA HOTEL,

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, INASMUCH AS HE WILL BE BACK AT THAT

HOTEL ON MARCH EIGHT. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS BEING FORWARDED.

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Mr. Nease

*Mr. Nease
cc Mr. Nease*

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 20, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE

Tolson	_____
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SUBJECT:

ASAC Allan Gillies of Miami phoned at 6:10 PM and advised that Walter Winchell had just called him from the Roney Plaza Hotel barbershop advising that he could not speak too freely but he wanted a message immediately delivered to the Director. Winchell stated he had been contacted in Miami by emissaries of Fidel Castro *Cuba* (Cuban revolutionary leader) who wants Winchell to go to the mountains in Cuba (Castro's headquarters) as soon as possible to get their side of the story. Winchell told ASAC Gillies the emissaries were most persistent that Walter Cronkheit of the Columbia Broadcasting System was with him during one of the contacts and wanted to go to Cuba also but the Cuban emissary stated that they trusted Winchell only. Winchell then stated since he is a U. S. Naval officer he wondered if the State Department or the Navy would object and he wanted to get the Director's personal views on that point. Winchell stated he could be reached by phone at the Roney Plaza Hotel. ASAC Gillies advised Winchell his message would be passed on to the Director.

I don't see how we can be advising Winchell on this point nor do I understand why he doesn't contact the Navy since he claims to be an officer in the Navy nor why he doesn't contact the State Department. I think we should call ASAC Gillies back and tell him the Director frankly is not in a position to give him any advice but the matter is entirely up to Winchell himself as to whether or not he should go and that it might be well for Winchell to contact his sources at Navy and State.

- cc - Mr. Boardman
- cc - Mr. Belmont
- cc - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: March 21, 1958

FROM : G. A. Nease

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SUBJECT:

In accordance with the Director's concurrence with my recommendation on my memorandum of March 20, concerning Walter Winchell, Mr. McGuire contacted ASAC Allan Gillies of Miami, at 9:50 a. m. today, instructing Gillies to call Winchell on the telephone and to tell him the Director had been advised of his message and that the Director frankly did not feel he was in a position to give Winchell any advice but the matter was entirely up to Mr. Winchell himself as to whether or not he should go to Cuba, also that it might be well for Winchell to contact his sources at Navy and State.

Mr. Gillies advised that, at 8:10 p. m., last night, March 20, Winchell again called Gillies referring to his earlier call, advising that the Cuban contact man was named Alberto (last name unknown). Winchell suggested an FBI Agent from the Miami Office be present last night at 11:45 p. m., at the Eden Roc Hotel where Winchell was having a party for eight persons, including Alberto, at which time Winchell was going to give Alberto his answer. (Gillies advised that since this was merely a suggestion, rather than a request, the Miami Office took no action.) According to Gillies, Winchell then advised that his permanent address would no longer be the Beverly Hills Hotel but would be the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

Winchell stated today, March 21, he was going to receive some honor from a fraternity at the University of Miami and that he would leave Miami, at 4:30 p. m., Monday, March 24, flying to Chicago via Eastern Airlines for the Sugar Ray Robinson - Carmine Basilio fight. His address in Chicago will be the Hotel Ambassador East, where he will remain Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week, leaving Chicago, at 3:00 p. m., next Wednesday, via TWA for New York City in order to be in attendance with Frank Sinatra when Sinatra gets the Man of the Year Award for his work with the Boys' Town of Italy organization. Winchell, on Thursday, will leave New York City for Palm Springs, California, where he will M. C. a show for the Police Benevolent Association.

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Gillies advised that was the substance of Winchell's call. He sounded like he must have been talking for an audience.

cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Holloman

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cc - Mr. Belmont

cc - Mr. Jones

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Gillies then advised that at 8:00 a. m., today, March 21, a [redacted] of the Navy called the Miami Office, advising he was in the party Winchell had last night at the Eden Roc Hotel and with him was Lieutenant Commander Robert Murphy of the Navy. [redacted] advised that the Cuban emissary, a refugee from Batista's regime, was named Alberto (last name unknown) and that Alberto was to meet Winchell at 4:00 p. m., today, Friday, March 21, at the Roney Plaza Hotel in Miami. [redacted] was furnishing this information for such value as it might have.

ASAC Gillies advised that the Miami Office was taking no action on any of the above, other than advising the Bureau. He was told all he needed to do was to call Winchell back immediately and to furnish the answer from the Director as indicated earlier in this memorandum.

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The Headliners

By Jove! The Land of What-Ho is simply a twitter about the reunion of Princess Margaret and Captain Petah Townsend. In the pubs and streets, every bloke and his lydy are terribly pip-pip about the whole thing... During the past two years the Princess has been devoting herself to royal chores. Next month, for example, she will open the first Federal Legislature of the West Indies, in the Port of Spain, Trinidad. In July, she is planning a goodwill tour of Canada. These may be jolly events... A lovely young lady, however, deserves—and needs—something more. Without love, a castle for a Princess is only a comfortable dungeon. A Princess is a woman and she can only be happy as a Princess when she is fulfilled as a woman. This incurable romantic hopes the love story has a happy ending. It would be perfect timing now. It's Spring, y'know.

W. C. Handy, the creator of "The St. Louis Blues," is now composing music for a great horn-tooter popularly known as Gabriel. Handy was a talented, dignified, fine man. His "St. Louis Blues," a genuine jazz classic, brilliantly captures the bitter-sweet torment of a sad dream. It is Handy's legacy—and monument.

Some years ago, Handy was asked about the qualifications essential to a successful composer. He explained: "A man who writes music must learn to listen—with his heart."

Fate and heartbreak played major roles in the meeting of Mike Todd and Elizabeth Taylor. The failure of her marriage with Mike Wilding afflicted Miss Taylor with an acute case of melancholia... Father Long, an English clergyman vacationing in Hollywood, invited the star to a small party in the hope of chasing her blues. One member of the party decided: "I'll maneuver Mike and Liz so that they sit next to each other. Mike will cheer her up." Before the evening was over, Mike had her laughing for the first time in weeks. Unhappily, the laughs had brief echoes.

And so, something that began with fate and heartbreak—ended the same way.

Joanne Woodward's triumph as an Oscar-queen is a story of irony. When she arrived in New York from Louisiana to become an actress, she enrolled at a dramatic school. The first day in school, Miss Woodward was asked to stand and give her name and address. When the class heard her cornpone accent, One and All were convulsed. Miss Woodward has noted: "I managed to lose the accent after six months of hard work."

In "Three Faces of Eve," the movie that enabled her to gain an Academy Award, she portrayed a Southern Belle with a thick Dixie drawl. Incidentally, the Oscar-winning actress is quoted in a current mag: "I don't want to be an actress."

Natalie Wood, who sketches a lovely screen portrait in "Marjorie Morningstar," is destined to become a major twinkler. She is only 19—but the climb has been long and arduous. She began as a child performer and has been tolling in the Hollywood salt mines for 15 years. In common with all sparklers, Miss Wood knows that the secret of success is that form of tyranny known as hard work. She is a dedicated actress—most actresses are. A reporter once inquired: "What do you do for fun?"

"Mainly," Miss Wood responded, "I work."

Several years ago, Sugar Ray Robinson declared: "I was depressed when everybody was telling me to quit. I can't tell you what a feeling that is. I need a dollar. If I accomplish fame, fortune will follow"... He has gained fame and fortune. In doing that, he has also secured certain qualities which many of the famous lack—and money cannot buy: Respect and dignity. What makes Sugar Ray a great champion is not only his ability as a pugilist. It is the fact that he acts like a champion—outside the ring.

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Alec Guinness has added an Oscar to his collection of monetary and artistic trophies. Not many performers have matched his triumphs. Nevertheless, an actor is an actor is an actor... Despite all the gold and glory, the star is haunted by a defeat. Some years ago he starred in "Hamlet" and it was a flop. He hasn't forgotten the setback. His great ambition is to click as The Melancholy Dane.

Sinatra's success has been the subject for numerous essays. His greatest click, however, has been as a human being. Judy Garland once told about the time she was hospitalized in Boston: "I don't want to sound bitter, but a lot of people forget you when something like that happens." Frank didn't forget. He sent Judy roses and called her every day. When he came to New York for a recording date he hired a private plane, loaded it with gifts and flew up to spend the day with her.

By far, the most popular of the Oscar champs was Red Buttons, who is not related to Blue Zipper. After winning the award, Buttons told reporters: "This is more than winning a prize. This should serve as an inspiration to every guy who has been written off in this business." Buttons, of course, was referring to his own brief, rocket-like teevee career.

It demonstrates again that failure is not defeat. If you refuse to surrender to failure—you only gain a little experience. Failure is always temporary. And so is success.

Last week Mayor Wagner appointed the Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor to the N.Y. City Board of Education... In April, 1957, Dr. Taylor conducted the funeral service of a member of the national committee of the Communist Party in his church (The Concord Baptist Church of Brooklyn)... In the course of the sermon, Dr. Taylor described the deceased (Edward E. Strong) as "one who dreamed and worked for the new world every good person desires"... Paul Robeson sang at the service and five members of the Communist Party were among the pallbearers... The above reflects the new line of the Communist Party—to use the Christian church for the burial of one of its leading members.

The FBI has a dossier on one of Walter Reuther's top lawyers. It probably would make interesting reading to the general public but our readers are familiar with most of it. The man also guides Adlai Stevenson on and off the microphones. In fact, many of Adlai's speeches are written or edited by brilliant literary and newspaper people with "former commie records." All of this we have often tried to tell intimates of Adlai to warn him about, but the defeated Presidential candidate is a terrific Tut-Tut man.

In Newsweek, Bing offered the most accurate estimate of Perry's teevee success: "Perry is a good, steady boy surrounded by good advisors. Sometimes a guy gets to be a star and he wants to write the show, stage it, produce it, cast it—the whole bit. The show suffers. A good show like Perry's is the product of many brains—and Perry has the brains to know it."

In other words, success is not an island. It is bounded by an ocean of helping hands.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *Walt*

DATE: April 4, 1958

FROM : A. H. Belmont *Walt*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN
"NEW YORK MIRROR" DATED
APRIL 3, 1958

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SYNOPSIS:

Walter Winchell, in a newspaper article in the "New York Mirror" dated April 3, 1958, stated in part that the FBI has a dossier on one of Walter Reuther's top lawyers. Further, that this man also guides Adlai Stevenson on and off the microphone. Winchell commented further by stating that Adlai Stevenson had numerous ghost writers with "former commie records." The Director inquired what is Winchell referring to. Winchell did not identify the persons he was discussing. Neither do our files reflect positive identification of such person or persons. It is possible, however, that Winchell may be referring to the following persons, who could fit the description set forth by Winchell: Joseph Rauh, Jr., represented the United Automobile Workers (UAW) at recent Senate Rackets Committee hearings. Rauh has been actively associated with the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), which endorsed Stevenson in 1952 and 1956. He is a D.C. attorney who is well known to the Bureau. Walter Reuther, president of UAW, was also active in ADA and in 1957 was a vice-chairman of ADA. Our records reveal that some of the ghost writers for Stevenson were set forth in a "New York Times" article in September, 1956. These were John R. Hersey, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and John Kenneth Galbraith. In addition, Senator McCarthy, in 1952, mentioned Schlesinger as a Stevenson writer and also named James Wechsler. These individuals have been critical of the Bureau and its programs and have been affiliated or otherwise associated with either the Communist Party or cited organizations.

ACTION:

For the Director's information.

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Memorandum Belmont to Boardman
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"NEW YORK MIRROR" DATED
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DETAILS:

Walter Winchell, in his column dated April 3, 1958, mentioned that the FBI had a dossier on one of Walter Reuther's top lawyers and that this man also guides Adlai Stevenson on and off the microphones. Winchell added that many of Stevenson's speeches are written or edited by brilliant literary and newspaper people with "former commie records." The Director inquired: "What is H.W. referring to? H."

Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., Washington, D.C., attorney and former national chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), represented the United Automobile Workers (UAW), of which Reuther is president, before the Senate Rackets Committee recently. Reuther is a vice-chairman of ADA. There are numerous references to Rauh in Bureau files. He is a staunch advocate of civil liberties and in the past has been extremely critical of the FBI and the use of wire tapping. He has been the author of articles condemning the Government Loyalty Program. He wrote a favorable review of Max Lowenthal's book, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation." He has acted as an attorney for the Independent Socialist League, which has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. In February, 1952, he was disclosed as an individual connected with the Office For Emergency Management who had leaked confidential information to a newspaperman, which information subsequently appeared in the newspaper, "PM." [REDACTED]

Although Bureau files do not indicate that Rauh has been a writer for Stevenson, it is noted that in all probability he is the individual referred to by Winchell, in view of the fact that he not only represented the UAW at the Senate hearings but was also extremely active in the ADA during 1952 and 1956, at which time the ADA endorsed Stevenson as the Democratic candidate for President. [REDACTED]

Further, there is no indication [REDACTED] that any other attorney was present as a representative of the UAW or Reuther during the recent Senate hearings.

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As to possible writers of Stevenson's speeches, Bureau files indicate that "The New York Times," issue of September 24, 1956, contained the names of John R. Hersey, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and John Kenneth Galbraith as purported "ghost writers" for Stevenson. It is noted that Senator Joseph McCarthy (deceased), in a talk at Chicago, Illinois, in October, 1952, also mentioned Schlesinger as a Stevenson writer and in addition named James A. Wechsler.

Concerning these individuals, Bureau files indicate that John R. Hersey is a newspaperman, correspondent, and novelist and was a supporter of the convicted Reds in Hollywood.

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He was described by Whittaker Chambers as a member of the Communist Party cell at "Time" magazine in 1939. (100-369815-12)

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., a history professor at Harvard University, in addition to being described as a speech writer for Stevenson during his campaigns, has written and spoken on behalf of maintaining civil liberties, has denounced the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and has criticized the FBI's use of informants. [REDACTED] He has been described by Archibald B. Roosevelt, son of former President Theodore Roosevelt, as being well known for his socialistic views and his extensive left-wing background. (94-40154-32)

John Kenneth Galbraith, a Harvard economics professor, was born in Canada and is a naturalized United States citizen.

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James A. Wechsler, editor of the "New York Post," has been on the Bureau's "Do Not Contact" list since 1954. He has written critically of the Director and the Bureau many times in the past. He has admitted past membership in the Young Communist League and is an associate of many known communists and communist sympathizers. [REDACTED]

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April 7, 1958

The attached correspondence
was received from Walter Winchell.

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- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Parsons
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To Hoover

Dear Walter:

As you can see by the enclosed tear sheet, I am urging the use of Mr. Hoover's book in our homes and schools, In these times, it is so important that this very important book is, not only read, but studied by the American people, especially our students.

I am here in Hollywood finishing up my manuscript, Escape to Nowhere, on which I have been working three years. It will deal with my seventeen years fight against Communism, and will include many things that happened after I came out of the FBI.

May I, at this time, express my appreciation for your excellent work in the expose of Communism during the past many years.

Sincerely,

Matt Cvetic

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**Hoover Book
Reading 'Must'
Avows Cvetic**

LOS ANGELES — Matt Cvetic, for nine years a secret FBI agent in the Communist apparatus in the United States, strongly endorses FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's newly published book, "Masters of Deceit." He declares:

"In the light of the fact that so many have succumbed to the lure of Soviet 'culture,' and Communist 'peaceful coexistence,' I urge every American to read this timely expose of Communist trickery, treachery and duplicity.

Cvetic also has outlined a program calling for the use of Hoover's book in all our schools: "'Masters of Deceit,' should be made a part of the curriculum of all our educational institutions. It should be read and studied in every American home. After all it is in our homes and in our schools that the fight against Communist enslavement really begins."

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: MATT CVETIC (pronounced SVETICK)

Born: Pittsburgh, Pa., March 4, 1909

Education: St. Mary's Elementary School, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Curry Business College, Pittsburgh; St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa.; International School of Criminology.

Pertinent Employment: United States Department of Labor, United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Undercover Activities: In 1941 the FBI requested Cvetic to join the Communist Party for the purpose of securing intelligence information for the United States Government. Cvetic successfully infiltrated the Party and in the ensuing nine years attended more than 3000 meetings with Soviet agents, Secret Police and American Communists. During the nine years he worked as an Undercover Agent, Cvetic reported regularly to the FBI.

Scope of activity: After being recruited into the Communist Party, Cvetic was assigned to the Party's Professional Branch. This Communist unit was composed of Reds in the Scientific, Legal, Educational, Medical, Governmental and Social, Health and Welfare fields. Later he was assigned to the Communist's organizational, educational, and financial committees. Cvetic helped to direct most of the Reds' major fronts in the middle and late 40s. In 1949 he helped organize the Labor Youth League, the youth arm of the Communist International. Cvetic's nine year pose brought him in contact with hundreds of Soviet Agents and American Communists. His knowledge of the Reds' conspiratorial methods and techniques was acquired, thereby, firsthand.

Personal: Cvetic is one of 12 children. His mother and father came to the United States from Austria in the late 1800s. For security reasons, Matt was not permitted to tell his family or friends of his true FBI role. His mother died in October, 1949, believing her son, Matt, had betrayed her adopted country. His father died on Memorial Day, 1950, three months after Cvetic's real FBI role was made known through his testimony before a Congressional Committee.

Review: Matt Cvetic authored a series of articles in the Saturday Evening Post titled "I Was a Communist for the FBI." A motion picture, starring Frank Lovejoy as Matt Cvetic, was produced, as was a radio series with Dana Andrews playing Cvetic's role. Mr. Cvetic is presently working on a new manuscript, "Escape to Nowhere," which will reveal, for the first time, the complete story behind his 17-year fight against the Red conspirators.

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April 9, 1958

Mr. Walter Winchell
Ambassador Hotel
Los Angeles, California

AIR MAIL

Dear Walter:

Many thanks for your kind references to me and to the book, "Masters of Deceit," in your column this morning. I am indeed most grateful to you for the interest which you have taken in this book. A number of individuals and foundations are arranging for copies of the book to be placed in college and high school libraries throughout the country, which, of course, is what we like to see.

Also, I want to congratulate you upon the well deserved tribute from the Saints and Sinners of Los Angeles.

With all good wishes to June and to you,

Sincerely,

W. John

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Walter Winchell of New York

Man In A Hurry

The White House, State and Justice Depts will shortly receive a dirty dossier on a very rich American. He allegedly has been double x-ing Yankee rivals in oil deals abroad...Ginger Rogers' ex-husband (J. Bergerac) and Kathy Jurado (the Latin lulu) are as breathless as a Smirnoff...Palm whisper that Lex Barker (a Lana once-was) and Ava Gardner have been keeping sotto-voce trysts in foreign nooks. This has been a well-kept secret according to intimates of both. They say Elaine Stewart is why Vic Mature and British siren (Joy Uric) haven't had it altar'd...It is not likely (despite newspaper people) that Lana and Steve will re-marry "for the sake" of Cheryl. It must be a terrible thing to force a man and a woman to live together, who can't enjoy each other.

Lynda Jones (the Runyon Fund Girl) and chaperones (Libby Ebsen and Joy Karington) are in H'wood to keep reminding the public (via newspaper-teevee-radio-newsreels and fan-mags) that the Runyon Cancer Fund is the only fund in the field which never deducts a penny for expenses of any kind from the donor's dollar...The trio of gorgeous gals may be seen around the Hotel Ambassador or Beverly Hills Hotel pool...At a party in Sinatra's apartment the other evening lovely Linda (without asking) enriched the Runyon Fund by \$7,000 from three of Frank's friends. One gave \$5,000 and two gave her \$1,000 in cash..."Just to see that pretty smile," said one philanthropist.

Fifi D'Orsay, Paul Whiteman, Rudy Vallee, Buster Keaton, Harry Richman (and a cast of 35) open at the H'wood Moulin Rouge April 29th after hefty success in Vegas at Wilbur Clark's delightful Desert Inn...Don't invite Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton to the same shooting gallery...The big street novelty shops are offering milk garter belts..."Peyton Place" author Grace Metallous is her husband's best praise-agent. Refers to T. J. Martin at all confabs as "my very big talent." (Here, now!)...Latest hat fashion for local gals: Fedoras shaped like upturned spittoons.

Every literate man, woman and child in the United States should read J. Edgar Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit" (published by Henry Holt)...Not because it is the greatest detective thriller of the century, but because it is a blueprint on how to defend the moral foundations of our country...J. Edgar Hoover's services to our nation are among the greatest in its history—but he has never performed greater public service than in writing "Masters of Deceit"...His real-life pin-pointing of the Communist enemy makes the fictional detective tales look like tame nursery stories...Not the least important factor of this historically important book is that J. Edgar Hoover, in identifying the masters of deceit, has again identified—and unconsciously, the deep and justified faith of the American people in himself...Our only criticism of the book is that it is of such absorbing interest—as a story—that people will overlook that it is a textbook—by the great American who has mastered "Masters of Deceit."

The Saints & Sinners of Los Angeles packed the Moulin Rouge on Sunset Blvd the other eve'g with over 1200 people. They paid \$25 to get in. The S&S executives told the guest of honor ("Saintliest Sinner of '58") that they never before got that much per plate. That they usually charged \$5 and \$10 a ticket...They ribbed and taunted us for over two hours. The large cast of talented show folks (stars and bit players) were wonderful ads for the Saints and Sinners, a charitable organization.

We responded with this: I always thought I had a large ego until I came here tonight...The fact is, that the supreme being divided the world into Saints and Sinners, but it took the supreme ego of somebody around here to form them into a club...First, I want to thank you all for inviting me here tonight. Second, I would like to compliment you on the choice of your guest of honor, of whom I am very fond...Walter and Winchell (as nearly everyone knows) have been a life-long romance.

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Andrew Mellon (Sec'y of the U. S. Treasury in the 20's) always slapped down people by mentioning his rule number 6... When asked what it was, Mr. Mellon replied: 'Don't take yourself too seriously.'

From my childhood (when I went to school with George Jessel and Jack Weiner, now an agent out here) I violated that rule. I took myself very seriously because I had to eat... I have been criticized as being aggressive and I suppose I am... I met the world and all comers at catchweights on the Harlem and other New York streets as a newsboy... First, by delivering papers for the Harlem Home News and later the N. Y. Evening Journal—and at subway corners I peddled the Saturday Evening Post... The only thing in my corner (when I was 12) was the corner lamp post... Any tenderness I may have developed is entirely due to the cold iron and steel in that lamp post.

A lot of people are going to psychiatrists these days to find out what they want. From my childhood (with the Gus Edwards' School Days act when I was 13) I knew what I didn't want... I didn't want to be cold, I didn't want to be hungry, homeless or anonymous... And by the grace of God (and my wife June for 35 years) I am none of these... The rest, I figure, is surplus.

The Caliph had his magic carpet, but it never took him where my press pass takes me. I wouldn't trade it for a million (1939) dollars because I have already traded it for 37 years of an exciting newspaper career.

I have seen and met the high and the low. The mighty and the fallen. And I might add—that this is one of the few times I find that I am the fall guy... However, it is not only a great privilege, but perhaps a great advantage, to be the fall guy of you Saints and Sinners... I mean, that on the judgment day when St. Peter breaks up this very proud organization—into its constituent members (some to go to Heaven and some to hades) I am going to respectfully request St. Pete (out of my deep affection for all of you) to cover both stories... And on that fateful day, if character witnesses are needed, I shall cheerfully step forward and tell tonight's master of ceremonies (who so thoroughly reviewed my life) to go to hell.

Thanks again for the fun, the laughs, the tear-in-the-throat and the mercy.

Love Letters: "Beverly Hills, Calif. Dear Walter: The newsreel and still photographers report how helpful you were on the Lana Turner story. They wish to convey their appreciation. Kindest regards, Arthur De Titis for the Photographers' Ass'n Executive Board"... "Dear Walter: Thank you very much for your great reporting, your enthusiasm and cooperation last Saturday on the Lana Turner story. Edward Markel, City Editor, N. Y. Mirror."

From the L.A. Herald Express: "Lana Turner Has Bodyguard—Fears Reprisals From Gangsters" Memo to all tough guys Coast-to-Coast: There are tougher guys on newspapers. End quotes....

Walter Winchell of New York

Mr. and Mrs. United States!

There is blood on the moon of the Caribbees... The best Intelligence reports indicate that by the time the blossoms are out in your backyard, between 10,000 and 20,000 men will be dead in Cuba... Leaving between 25,000 and 40,000 more homeless and helpless war orphans... To the extent that Batista and Castro are willing to fight it out with innocent lives, they are wrong. So desperately, morally wrong that even the God they profess to follow would find His Mercy tested to forgive such a sin against children.

It is said that Cuba's internal affairs are a matter of her concern only. But surely the other 20 Republics have some interest in the Peace of the Hemisphere... Every man's home is his castle, but the community has an interest if he is murdering his wife there.

The Havana headlines on Good Friday—of all days—were appalling. The Cuban gov't has not only declared martial law; it has issued a license to murder. It is now a capital crime to strike... A workman in Cuba today has a bayonet in his back—because neither side knows which way he would cast his vote in a free election.

The Cuban crisis is the supreme test of Western Hemisphere solidarity. A civil war in Cuba is as much of an assistance to Moscow as a general war in the Middle East... The leaders of the Western Hemisphere must act to prevent it... Each side in Cuba protests its love of liberty. If they really mean it, then let them plead their causes before the Organization of American States... In the meantime, this writer is pleading—while there is still time—for the lives of the thousands and thousands of men who are about to die—and the rights of their orphans to a home.

This is the period of Peace—the Mohammedan Ramadan, the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter. Surely the 20 other Republics of the Western Hemisphere are not so powerful that they cannot speak in behalf of Freedom and Peace—and these children... If their Flags are that all-important—then let their leaders personally speak—in the name of their Cross.

"Congress of the United States, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. Dear Mr. Winchell: Your recent column entitled, 'The Deadly Department of Defense,' which appeared on March 20, 1958, is one of the most significant articles published in the American press within recent years. It is of the utmost importance to the welfare of our country and alerts us to a clear and present danger regarding our defense. I thought it so vital that I had it entered into the Congressional Record by unanimous consent. It has aroused tremendous favorable interest among a great number of my colleagues, who have indicated they will give the matter involved their immediate attention, particularly that portion dealing with the unconstitutional deprecation of the Marine Corps personnel by the Dept of Defense. As you indicated, person or persons unknown in the Defense Department, despite the mandate and appropriation of the Congress to keep the Marine Corps at its full strength, have constantly whittled away at it, placing us in a most unbelievable defenseless position.

"As a first step to remedy this deplorable situation, I introduced a bill on March 20, 1958, H.R. 11541, which would make it illegal for any government department to withhold or impound moneys otherwise appropriated by the Congress from being promptly used or applied for the purpose designated in the Act appropriating same. Other Congressmen are now introducing similar bills.

"The early passage of this legislation will bring to a halt the abortive attempt to deplete our present day minute men, our first line of defense, the United States Marine Corps.

"May I again compliment you for bringing this most serious matter to public attention and to urge you to continue this good work.—Sincerely, Herbert Zelenko, Member of Congress."

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George Jean Nathan, acknowledged as both the dean and the sage of drama critics, was—in a much larger sense—an actor on the vast stage of New York life... He was, indeed, a critic. Not because he sought flaws, but because he loved perfection... He was generous in noting the effort, but merciless in naming the shortcomings... It was because he was such a master of authenticity that he could instantly detect and lance phonies... All that he asked of the performing acts was that they be true to themselves.

Nathan could be as tender as Peter Pan and as robust as a stevedore, and he applauded each in its proper phase. But he would not tolerate Peter Pan acting like a stevedore, nor a stevedore, like Peter Pan... Thus, for instance, he and I were practically the only critics who applauded "Hellzapoppin!" It was as low-brow as an ape, but, we both agreed, apes are very funny.

With H. L. Mencken, George Jean Nathan left a deep imprint on American culture. It would be silly to say that he wasn't barbed in his words... In fact, he would resent the implication that he didn't know how to sharpen them... It would be equally inaccurate to say that his heart was one which loved all humanity, because he regarded mediocrity as a sleazy form of living death—and didn't hesitate to say so.

Of George Jean Nathan's life much will be said and more will be written... As one of his good friends, I can say the most important thing about it: He loved living it... Further, he had the happy faculty—and the great good luck—to like the people he respected. He had the affection of those whom he liked, and he had the respect of those whom he respected. And not much more can be said for any man.

He was among the first of the dramatic critics to show me guidance when I was a frightened cub first-nighter... He once said that he never believed in answering an attack and added: "Wait until you have a label that stands out—and then stick it on!"... But I could never follow that wise counsel—and now and then some of my opponents (all of them heavyweights) did it to me.

George once said that H. L. Mencken, his confederate on the American Mercury magazine, asked him: "Do you know this Winchell fellow?"... Nathan said: "I see him at the first nights. Why?" And Mr. Mencken replied: "Well, I think we ought to get to know him a little better. We are all in the same libel business—but Winchell seems to know where to stop."

When we were critics together, we both had to make deadlines and had only a fleeting glimpse of the stage over our shoulders as the curtain went down. We already had our verdicts, though we did not consult before writing them... By the same token, George Jean Nathan's last curtain is down. It was a great and important show.

Walter Winchell 6 of New York

Excited Man About Town

The most important news of the week for people all over the world was a special report last Saturday in the N.Y. Times... The subhead was: "Hailed at Parley"... The thrilling news: "Philadelphia, April 11th: 'An important break-through' in cancer research technology was reported here today. Dr. Samuel Graff, professor of biochemistry at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, made the disclosure before a convention of doctors that medical scientists at Columbia have developed an intricate apparatus that permits continuous cell culture outside the animal body." (Translation: This means specialists have elevated cancer research from mice, chickens, etc., to the human level!!!)... The newspaper added "to a degree never before attained."

"Dr. Graff and his associate, Dr. Kenneth S. McCarty (also of Columbia), credited the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund with financing the project that resulted in the device." They added that the device was being adopted "in many laboratories here and abroad."

Note from the founder and treasurer of the Runyon Fund: Your donations (for the last ten years) have gone to researchers in the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska and 19 foreign nations... The Runyon Committee (overjoyed at the above news) embraces doctors, scientists and medical people everywhere and, of course, the donors of over \$13,000,000 to fight cancer... Never a penny ever deducted for expenses from the donor's dollar... Runyon Fund money played a big part in 7 of 9 major advances in cancer research in the past 5 years!!!

The Federal Grand Jury investigating Cong. Adam Clayton Powell's staff notified the Justice Dept. they will act on their own unless called back into immediate session... Senator Lyndon Johnson has been warned by doctors to cut down on all activities after another upset last week... A well-known Westchester, N.Y., Country Club will be sued for discrimination... The Senate Guided Missile Committee may not issue a final report... Marguerite Higgins, the Pulitzer Prize winning "newspaperman," and Gen. Wm. Hall anticipate a Blessed Event... The Reds held a "secret" (a what?) meeting on April 2nd at Commy Party Headquarters at 23 W. 26th St., N.Y.C. They discussed strategy to support Cuban Reds in opposing Batista's gov't. High ranking Comreds attended.

Hollywood's movie colony elite were again enchanted by Roberta Sherwood's love songs and other laments at Mary Morrison's popular Mocambo... Tennessee Ernie Ford, Eva and Zsa-Zsa Gabor, Barry Sullivan, Barbara Nichols, Mike Connolly, Ann Miller, Mrs. Errol Flynn, ex-U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Wm. O'Dwyer, Margia Dean, Hugh O'Brian, Lita (the Club Seville's dancing star), Lynda Jones (the gorgeous Runyon Fund Cover Girl) of Nashville, Tenn., she was with Arthur J. Crowley, Cheryl Crane's lawyer) and scads of other attractive Hollywood citizens, loved every love lament that Roberta sobbed or belted... The biggest crowd since Sinatra starred there. Her latest Decca "single" is titled: "Blue Moon of Kentucky" plus "There's a Ghost at Your Wedding." The first side is Roberta at her best (a hill-billy rockandroll) and the flip side is pure corn which had the sophisticated crowd spellbound... That's my girl!

The Bob Sterlings (Anne Jeffreys) are infantoticipating again. In Sept... They star on ABC's "Love That Jill" program... Telegram from Lou Walters (landlord of the new Cafe de Paris on B'way): "Just heard about Tropicana booking. Don't forget you rejected my offer of \$100,000 for 3 weeks in Vegas two years ago. How about doing it at my new place?"... Thanks to tennisstar Gussie Moran and her new husband, Eddie Hand (the trucking tycoon), for the \$1000 they gave to Lynda Jones for the Runyon Fund (in Sinatra's New York apartment) the other night... And to their other friends who gave Lynda \$3,000 and \$1,000 in cash. (For the Fund)... Broadway will miss dean of drama critics George Jean Nathan... The Big Street will always seem a little smaller without the Big Guy.

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~~Overheard~~ about the agonizing front-page photos of Lana Turner: "She doesn't look well, at all, does she?"... "You never do with a lump in your throat and heart"... Joni James' new disc, "Nothing Will Ever Change," is hitting the jackplatter... Aggie Underwood, city editor of the L.A. Herald-Express, had the beat of the year via Lana's letters... We expect to retrieve them any edition to be returned to the author. But we can't imagine her wanting to touch them or ever see them again... Don't miss the April 16th "This Is Your Life" tv program, please. It's about a Guy I like.

Mrs. Errol Flynn (Pat Wymore, one of the lovelier looking dancers) resumes her exciting act at the Desert Spa, April 17th... Victor Borge tees off on a 7-country tour of Yurrop May 24th. His one-nighter jaunt in the U.S. is doing touriffic... New York City Commies have rented Carnegie Hall for their May Day holiday. The rental is \$1,000... Dagmar is doing a hefty job between show biz and baseball. She will star in shows produced before ball games in the Summer. Dorothy Lamour, Julius La Rosa and Vaughn Monroe will be featured attractions plus a line of gals.

Don't miss the rare evening on April 30th at Carnegie Hall. A gala starring 225 singers and 100 musicians. Part of the N.Y. Mirror Youth Program... Ben Blue's star Barbara Heller is out of the cast with 103 temperatures, worn out from the grind. Roberta Sherwood (and friend), learning of Barbara's collapse, rushed over to pinch-hit from the Mocambo Satdee midnight... Steve Peck and lovely partner Lita (she's 19) will be featured in the WW Tropicana show (Vegas) starting May 27th. The best dance team since Veloz and Yolanda and Tony and Renee (then Sally) DeMarco... They belong in a big Broadway musical or film. Producers on both Coasts: Don't say you weren't warned.

Danny (of Danny's Hideaway in Manhattan) is buying Grace Hayes' famed lodge in Vegas. Isn't F. Sinatra a partner, Danny?... Recommended for the Hit Parade: "Chanson D'Amour," via Art and Dot Todd... Jack Hellman (critic on Daily Variety) reported (in that Coast showbiz journal) that Jack Paar was a large disappointment on a recent Sabbath Chevy show. "Even in his more serious moments," said the critic, "he fell far short of professional dimension"... Hellman added that the network "might be safer taking chances on Paul Gilbert or Eddie Bracken. They may have temperament, but they have talent"... From a recent mag piece on Mr. Paar: "His best friends say he has had many opportunities to be a success, but they wonder 'what he will do this time to ruin it' "... The very first thing he did was chase boosters off his team... The mail pours in to this desk over his rude and envious treatment of talented Dody Goodman, actually the big reason the show attracted an audience. He'd be amazed at the number of Hollywood and New York teevee homes that no longer tune it on.

D. K. BROWN

Los Angeles, California
April 21, 1958

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director - FBI
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a clipping from The Hollywood Reporter which indicates that the Motion Picture Producers Association met in New York recently concerning crime films. I have not been able to get any details of this meeting because we are not being received at the local Code Production Office with the same cordiality which existed before our recent meetings to protest the handling of the subjects. [redacted] has previously been a good source of information there, but he has managed to make himself quite unavailable recently and [redacted] has been out of town. Possibly the New York Office has some information on this for you.

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I have talked to Walter Winchell several times recently and he wanted you to know that he expects to start a good news program over ABC television and radio in the near future. He expects his program to be carried on 228 television and radio stations and is quite thrilled with the prospects of getting back into this type of work. At the moment, he is waiting for ABC to sell the show to a sponsor; best possibility for sponsors thus far are Liggett-Myers and Jantzen Swim Suits.

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Mervyn LeRoy has scheduled conferences with Jimmy Stewart on "The FBI Story". I understand from Mervyn that polishing of the script is about completed except that some effort might be made to improve the part of the female lead in order to attract a better actress. It is our feeling that production on this movie will not actually get under way until after the Hollywood Park racing season ends on July 20, 1958. I will keep you informed on this. ■ APR 30 1958

Sincerely,

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PERSONAL

Mr. Donald Kenneth Brown
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

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Dear Mr. Brown:

I was glad to receive your very informative letter of April 21, with which you enclosed a clipping from "The Hollywood Reporter" concerning the meeting which Messrs. ██████████ and ██████████ had with distributing companies regarding the release of the rash of films dealing with criminals. While it is regrettable that your relations with the Production Code Office have recently become strained, I feel that our taking a firm stand at this time will be beneficial in the long run. For your information, my introduction for the May issue of the Law Enforcement Bulletin concerns films glorifying criminals, and I have no doubt that it will create further comment.

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It was good to hear that Walter Winchell has high expectations of returning to the news field over television and radio. This is his first love, and I can imagine how pleased he is over the prospect.

We are all looking forward to receiving the final script for "The FBI Story" and certainly hope we can soon get under way with the actual production. While I know that this hardly needs saying, I want you to keep a very close watch for items concerning the forthcoming motion picture, particularly in regard to casting. As you know I am sending a representative to the Coast as soon as casting gets started to supervise this most important matter.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ah*

DATE: June 2, 1958

FROM : MR. W. V. CLEVELAND *WVC*

SUBJECT: ^① WALTER WINCHELL COLUMN
June 2, 1958

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At 9:40 AM, June 2, 1958, ASAC Simon, NYO, telephonically advised that the Walter Winchell column in the New York Daily Mirror for June 2 commences as follows:

"The FBI is working on another major Red spy case-- the biggest Soviet spy sensation in a year."

Simon advised that the New York Office does not know to what case Winchell may be referring and a check of the Espionage Section at the Seat of Government failed to reflect what case Winchell may be referring to.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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cc - Mr. Nease
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Branigan

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June 2, 1958

From Walter Winchell.

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Dear Mr. W.,

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To J. E. Miller & Johnson Inc

Your column, the letter from the prisoner, is fascinating.

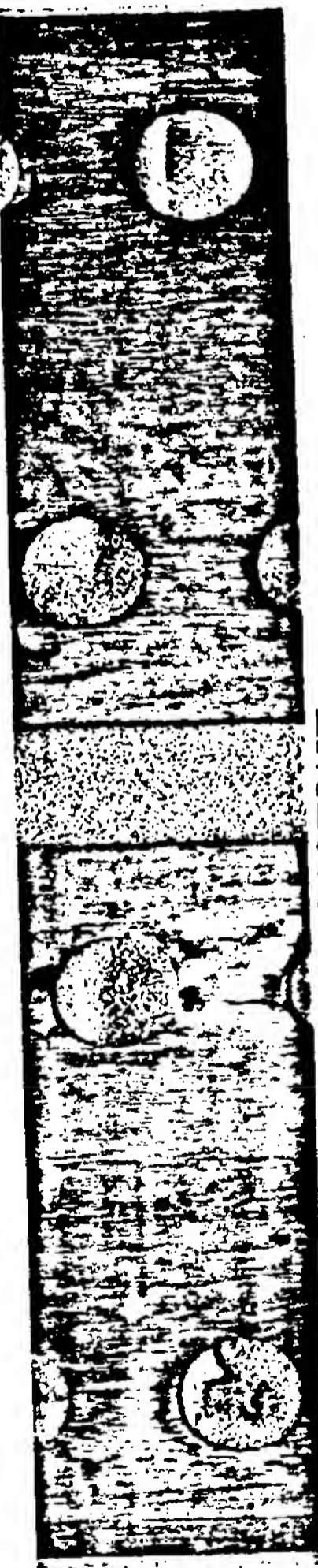
I have another bit of information regarding Buddy Clark's death, but can't vouch for its authenticity, or even remember the name of the man, a pilot, who gave it to me.

When I was an airline hostess in Alaska I met an airman who told me he was the pilot who, employed by a small charter line, took the flight in which Buddy was killed. Evidently the plane was small, and had only a few passengers on board including ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a woman, an agent, and one or two others. The pilot said that Buddy was killed because he would not fasten his safety belt, and that an autopsy showed that he was killed by a heart attack brought on by terror.

The pilot reports that the small airline was then dissolved in short order, and that everyone disappeared in X different directions in order to be unavailable for the suits brought by Mrs. Clark. He, himself, joined the Air Force, since servicemen may not be sued easily. He was sent to Elmendorf Air Base. All this was in 1951.

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He said nothing about being aware of any gasoline having been siphoned

the tank of the plane chartered by Buddy Clark. his name

I saw this airman only once, and don't remember ~~who~~, but if
was the pilot of Clark's plane, and if any of this matters very much, he could
easily be located.

Sometimes the strangest bits of information will help in trying a case
together, and so...this letter.

I realize that there is little chance that you would use my name in
connection with this, but, just in case, may I ask you not to?
Cordially,

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"But it could not impress Hollywood despite Runyon's recommendation or (deleted) influence. Every Red reader in the studios was alerted to turn down any script submitted by (deleted) . . . Buddy Clark told the story of the fracas (in the restaurant) to the FBI. Three months later when Buddy was killed in a private plane it was no accident. Gas was siphoned out of the small plane at Oakland before it took off for L.A. I hear (deleted) is now in N. Y. City politics, very close to people close to the Mayor . . . Steve Crane was then a partner of that Hollywood restaurant. He was a bystander to the fight. Lana Turner turned me down cold when I tried to trap her into party membership. She warned me that if I didn't mend my ways, I would wind up in jail. She was so right.

"One more thing. Karl (deleted by WW) killed Serge Rubinstein. He was being blackmailed by the Communist Party of which he was a member. They killed him because he refused to continue paying blackmail. The ante kept increasing as his wealth increased. Forgive me, Walter, I haven't the courage to tell you who I am. Even my confinement here is not under the name you know me by. As Ben Bernie used to say of you: 'Walter will go far, I hope so' . . . Or as Sime (of Variety) would say: 'I'll pay the check.' Please pick up this one. (signed) 'h.'"

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Mr. Walter Winchell
Ambassador Hotel
Los Angeles, California

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Dear Walter:

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In line with your request, copies of the material
you sent me concerning Buddy Clark are being returned to
you. As you probably are aware, we conducted no investigation
in this matter.

Sincerely,
John

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Winchell forwarded ~~me~~ a letter from [redacted] and
a newspaper clipping both relating to the death of Buddy Clark, the former
West Coast singer. A check of Bufiles fails to reflect that the Bureau conducted
any investigation into this plane accident and it is not a matter within the
Bureau's jurisdiction. By letter dated 5-15-58 an anonymous letter sent
to Winchell re Buddy Clark was returned per Mr. Winchell's request.

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Mr. Walter Winchell
Ambassador Hotel
Los Angeles, California

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Dear Walter:

I just wanted to tell you how much I appreciate
the good words appearing in your column today.

As you know, I have never objected to a fair and
just appraisal of our operations, but I do deeply resent some of
the absurd and erroneous allegations by irresponsible individuals
who charge us with the very things we have fought against for so
many years. I feel certain the American public has not been
hoodwinked by these headline seekers. May I also express my
sincere thanks for your continued support and encouragement.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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New Yorkers Are Talking About...

Senator Warren Magnuson's Investigating Committee which will confront the takers of tv "ratings" starting June 26th at 10:30 ante meridian. That committee should study the job David Cort does on "Nielsen Ratings" in the current Nation weekly. Title: "The Deep Sincerity of Advertising." It will give Sen. Magnuson's probers fresh ammunition for a war the tv stars (who lost sponsors over ratings) deserve to win... Page 3 of Show Business, by the way, offers a story tagged: "TV Polls and Surveys Attacked by Ad Men for Misleading Media"... This is a fight innocent bystanders will adore... Wonder how the "ratings" people like being stars? (Ha!)

Love Letters: "Dear Walter: Thanks for another great Winchell scoop—and its documentation (digging up the marriage certificate of starlet Suzy Parker and her French husband, Pierre de la Salle, who played cat and mouse with editors all over the land—denying their secret marriage three years ago)."—Ed Markel, City Editor, N.Y. Mirror... "Dear WW: You are my idea of a reporter."—Glenn Neville, N.Y. Mirror Editor-in-Chief.

The crash that injured Suzy Parker and killed her father. There are highway accidents every 23 seconds. The motor vehicle death rate exceeds 30,000 a year. When will motorists stop being murderers?... The dignified tag of Bea Lillie's Pekingese. Mister Lee... Cosmopolitan's essay about the magic that makes the world go round: L-o-v-e... The trees atop apartment buildings in the Washington Square area... Johnny Mathis' platter of "A Certain Smile." A ballad that sounds like a love song... Marissa Allasio, the she-animal in the "Poor But Beautiful" flicker. Boy! Yul Brynner's real first name: Julius.

The rocketing cost of living. It has zoomed 105 percent in 2 decades... Patty McCormack's bouncy disc, "Bubble Gum." Suitable for Mister and Mrs. Smallfry... Susan Strasberg, who has the walls of her living room covered with photos of famed thespians... The essay in McCall's called: "I Married the Wrong Man." Candor was never more candid... Roberta Sherwood, who stars in "Annie Get Your Gun" (January 12th) at the Coconut Grove Playhouse near Miami, Fla... The passing of Robert Donat, a great actor. He once noted: "Acting is the art of making believe that you're making believe"... Leo Rosten's prose sketch of Groucho in Harper's mag. Jollyo.

Barry Fitzgerald's patented merry-making in the "Rooney" film, begorra... The Late, Late Show murdering its competition—the dull, dull show... The Kinsey Institute's conclusions—based on the sex histories of 18,000 Americans... Peggy Lee's "Sea Shells" album, especially her cooing of Chinese love poems... The girl-girl on Photography mag's page 85—and her not-so-hidden persuaders... The doll who walks a pooch along Park Avenue (in the 50s). She wears a mink stole with treader pants. Quite a sight... The accurate description of movie-making by Sammy Davis, Jr. To wit: "It's 90 percent boring, but the other 10 percent makes it exciting"... Arthur Kober's latest between-covers chuckles. The tome has an amusing title: "OOoh, What You Said." Read it and giggle.

Capt. Bart Hewitt, the pilot of our TWA plane (circling Idlewild in the thick peasoup fog Wednesday afternoon waiting for the congested traffic to clear over the various lanes), who kept us all from panic with his ad glib-gab for over an hour... Columnist Marquis Childs' upcoming blog of President Eisenhower. Titled: "Captive Hero"... The analysis of DeGaulle in newsmags. Replete with well-informed contradictions... The off-Broadway premieres continuing to pop, despite the regular season's finale... Françoise Sagan describing her "Broken Date" ballet as "a memory of my youth." She is 22... Kim Novak's comment: "Frank Sinatra believes that living should be fun." Miss Novak is an authority on the subject.

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Jack Webb, who must be rich. He's paying hefty alimony to two ex-wives—and will soon take another bride... David Street's frank comments about his shattered marriage with Debra Paget—via Modern Screen. The only thing that isn't private in Hollywood—is privacy... J. K. Galbraith's tome, "The Affluent Society," a provocative insight into a complex subject—economics... Shirley Temple's tv version of "The Sleeping Beauty." An entertaining fantasy... Producer Jack Warner (on "Wide, Wide World") explaining why Westerns saturate networks: "The people like them." (Fine thing to say about people.)

Ten of the 12 Broadway attractions expected to survive the humid months being musicals and spoofs... Motion Picture mag's eyebrow-raiser about H'wood's "love cults"... The incredibly vicious attacks against J. Edgar Hoover. He has done nothing but fight crime and subversion. Of course, no American is above criticism. In this case, however, there is nothing lower than many of Mr. Hoover's belittlers... Michel Legrand's "Castles in Spain" is breaking tempos, particularly the bull-fighting rooftoping... Carolyn Jones' performance in the "Marjorie Morningstar" flicker. She is a descendant of Geronimo, the Injun chief... Perry Como's songbook. Eleven of his platters have sold over a million copies... The girl show at the Cafe de Paris.

Tennessee Ernie Ford who got rich with his hillbilly hokum-jokum. He is a graduate of the highbrow Cincinnati Conservatory of Music... The bunches of orchids being flung at Larry and Les Elgart for their tremendous album, "Sound Ideas"... Wm. B. Williams' "Make Believe Ballroom," a glistenable record program... Dinah Shore, who is a sociologist. She received a B.S. degree in sociology from Vanderbilt U... Alice Lon's swellodles via Lawrence Welk's music-maker. Pretty face, pretty voice... The success of ingrates—which only means that more people know about their indecency. Being well-known isn't as important as being well-liked.

The cynical title of Jimmy Cagney's forthcoming movie: "Never Steal Anything Small"... Benny Goodman's click at the Brussels Fair. A reminder that popular music can be musical... Tony Franciosa's gamuting in "The Long, Hot Summer." He is an actor... The skeleton in Eva Gabor's closet: She was once a champion ice skater... Sophia Loren making her first visit to New York. She makes the Big Town a Big-Big Town. Tee-hee... Tony Randall, Abbe Lane, Jacquelyn McKeever and the talented cast of "Oh, Captain!" at the Alvin. A fun show.

Marilyn Monroe discovering that fame is fleeting. She once dominated movie mags. Now you rarely spot her photo in them... Gina Lollobrigida, who is a gifted painter. She was studying art before joining Flickerville... Editor Harry Ashmore's logic: "Newspapermen are as free as we have ever been—which means that we are as free as our proprietors have the heart and will to be"... A complete mag devoted to the story of Mike Todd and Liz Taylor... Joanne Woodward's confession: "When I was a little girl, I was a great, fat hulk of a thing. I was so self-conscious about it, I couldn't even speak to boys"... The Broadway Confucius line on page 37 of Variety.

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Dear Walter:

It has been some time since we last saw each other. If my memory is correct, it was a night at the Stork Club when we both enjoyed the company of Admiral Ingraham who was then Commissioner of the All-American Football Conference.

I noted with great interest your remark about "waiting for Godot." This is not all of the dirty work produced and authorized by our State Department. The enclosure may make your temperature rise a few more degrees in this hot, humid weather.

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As ever,

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A Fairy Red Show at Brussels

The How and why

The American Art Exhibition at the Brussels Fair is a national calamity, as well as an international disgrace!

For many years, the Artists Equity Association, a Red agitation vehicle, has campaigned for legislation in Washington that would put the traditional American artist into a cultural straight jacket.

The Communist Party has given its cultural directive in a publication entitled "Let Us Grasp the Weapon of Culture." Its author, V.G. Jerome, Educational Director of the Communist party and a member of its central committee, now serving a long term in Atlanta, after being convicted under the Smith Act of conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of this government by force and violence, is leading the fight to get the above legislation approved. The next of this despicable article -- "Therefore the question arises of establishing leading bodies in this field -- commissions, committees, etc, and assignments of leading comrades on National, State, county, and section levels....we must go forward to the people with the message of peace, of freedom, of Socialist humanism."

This is the Red directive to use art to infiltrate, to organize, and to do it as Socialist humanism, under the banners of peace and freedom as the entering wedge to a nationwide W.P.A. of art, to be eventually under the control of infiltrated art groups. This is thought control.

The bills before both houses of Congress for establishing a Federal Advisory Commission on the Arts was turned down by President Truman. The bills were originally hatched by Lloyd Goodrich, of the Whitney Museum of American Art, and have been steadfastly supported by the Red-dominated Artists Equity Association. The Communist Daily Worker has gone on record

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